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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT ON PRESENTATION OF
 CREDENTIALS IN JAKARTA

1. I MUST APPRECIATE THE EXCELLENT DRAFT REMARKS FOR
THE CREDENTIALS CEREMONY FORWARDED FROM JAKARTA. I
HAVE MADE A FEW SMALL CHANGES IN THE TEXT AND ONE
SUBSTANTIVE ADDITION IN THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH.
UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER CHANGES TO SUGGEST,
SUBBEST EMBASSY JAKARTA PUT TEXT IN FINAL FORM AND
PROVIDE ADVANCE COPY TO GOI.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT AS APPROVED BY ME:

BEGIN TEXT: EXCELLENCY (OR MR. PRESIDENT, DEPENDING
ON LOCAL PRACTICE):

I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
THE LETTER BY WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA HAS APPOINTED ME AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE REPUBLIC
OF INDONESIA. I ALSO WISH TO PRESENT TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY DISTINGUISHED
PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR DAVID D. NEWSOM.

I RETURN TO INDONESIA AFTER NEARLY A DECADE
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WITH VIVID MEMORIES OF MY PAST SERVICE HERE, BUT
ALSO WITH THE REALIZATION THAT MUCH HAS CHANGED
IN INDONESIA, IN MY COUNTRY, AND IN THE WORLD.

INDONESIA DURING THESE YEARS HAS MADE STRIKING
PROGRESS IN IMPROVING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
AT HOME, IN EXPANDING ITS ROLE AS A CONSTRUCTIVE

LEADER IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND IN SERVING AS A VITAL
LINK IN THE PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION
AND UNDERSTANDING.

WHEN I LEFT INDONESIA IN 1968, YOUR FIRST
FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN WAS STILL IN ITS INFANCY, AND
THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WERE PRESSING
FOR SOLUTION. TODAY, ALTHOUGH INDONESIA - AND
INDEED THE WORLD - STILL CONFRONT DIFFICULT ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, A FIRM BASE HAS BEEN LAID FOR
THE THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN DESIGNED TO CARRY THE BENEFITS
OF DEVELOPMENT TO ALL SECTORS OF INDIA'S SOCIETY
AND TO ALL CORNERS OF THIS GREAT ARCHIPELAGO.

WHEN I LEFT INDONESIA IN 1968, THE NATION HAD
ONLY BEGUN ITS RECUPERATION FROM THE TRAGIC EVENTS
OF 1965. TODAY, LESS THAN A DECADE LATER,
INDONESIA STANDS UNITED, LOOKING WITH CONFIDENCE
TO THE FUTURE.

WHEN I LEFT INDONESIA IN 1968, YOUR NATION HAD
ONLY BEGUN TO CLAIM ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE AS A LEADING
MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND AS A
SPOKESMAN FOR RESPONSIBLE THOUGHT IN THE THIRD
WORLD. TODAY INDONESIA CAN TAKE PRIDE IN ITS
VITAL ROLES AS A PRINCIPAL INTERLOCUTOR IN THE
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DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, AS AN EFFECTIVE
VOICE FOR RATIONAL CHANGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
ORDER, AND AS A KEY FACTOR IN THE STABILITY AND
PROGRESS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

AND MY NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAS ALSO
CHANGED DURING THESE YEARS. THE CONFLICT IN
INDOCHINA IS BEHIND US AND OUR ATTENTION IS FOCUSED
ON BUILDING TRUST, COOPERATION AND PROSPERITY
IN THE REGION. OUR RECENT DIALOGUE WITH ASEAN
SPEAKS TO THIS AIM. AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL,
WE HAVE ALSO DEMONSTRATED OUR DESIRE TO ENTER INTO
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUES ON A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, ON
DEVELOPING AND SHARING THE BENEFITS OF THE SEA AND
ON A NUMBER OF OTHER PRESSING ISSUES OF PRIME INTEREST
TO OUR TWO NATIONS. WE SEEK COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS
GROUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION
AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, INBUED WITH A COMMON
APPRECIATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN NEEDS,
MINDFUL OF CULTURAL AND POLITICAL DIVERSITY, AND
IMPLEMENTED THROUGH OPEN AND FRANK COMMUNICATION.

AS A NATION BLESSED WITH 200 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT
AND CONSIDERABLE NATURAL WEALTH, AMERICA CLAIMS
NO SPECIAL RIGHTS IN THE WORLD. BUT WE DO RECOGNIZE
OUR SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY - INDEED, OUR SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITY - TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND HELPFUL
INTERNATIONAL ROLE. I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM TODAY
THAT WE RECOGNIZE THIS RESPONSIBILITY HERE IN

SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN INDONESIA. AMERICA BY
GEOGRAPHY IS A PACIFIC NATION -- AMERICAN BY
NATURAL INTEREST WILL REMAIN A PACIFIC POWER.
WE VALUE OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA,
AND IT WILL BE MY MAJOR OBJECTIVE, AS AMBASSADOR,
TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THOSE RELATIONS EVEN FURTHER.
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IN CONCLUSION, MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS MY PLEASANT
DUTY TO CONVEY TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF INDONESIA,
THE PERSONAL GOOD WISHES OF PRESIDENT CARTER AS WELL
AS HIS HOPE, SHARED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR
CONTINUED PROGRESS IN BUILDING A JUST AND PROSPEROUS
SOCIETY IN INDONESIA, AND FOR CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.
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